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Body Worn Camera Pilot Program Sparks Debate

by Stan Zirkín

On November 21, council held a work session with the Greenbelt Police Department on the body worn camera pilot program initiated by the department in April. Sergeant Tim White, the project manager for this program, was the main spokesperson for the police. Major Thomas Kemp, the acting chief of police; Captain Thomas Moreland; and Acting Captain Gordon Pracht of the department were also present. All members of council were present, as was Dale Worley, city director of information technology and City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Background

The department began researching the possibility of purchasing body worn cameras in 2013 and, after extensive study, proposed to council that a body camera program be initiated and funded starting in Fiscal Year 2016. Council agreed to appropriate money for this purpose. The department decided to first implement a pilot program before outfitting the entire force. Body cameras have been increasingly utilized by police departments in recent years, both as an aid in law enforcement investigations

and as a tool to defend against allegations of police misconduct.

The Maryland State Wiretap Act generally prohibits persons from willfully electronically intercepting and disclosing oral conversations without consent. However, there is an exception for law enforcement personnel in uniform or where the officer's badge is prominently displayed; the law enforcement officer is a party to the oral communication; the officer notifies the individual that the conversation is being recorded unless it is unsafe, impractical or impossible to do so; and the oral interception is made as part of a videotape or digital recording.

Policy

In light of the legal restrictions outlined above, the department drafted written policies for the body camera pilot program prior to its implementation. Input was received from many sources, including the Department of Justice, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Montgomery County Police Department. Main features of the policy (General Order 674) are

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Leopold Walder, Ph.D., 91, Dies, Founder of CARES

Leopold Oscar Walder died November 11, 2016, after a brief illness. He was 91 years old and had been a resident of Greenbelt for 54 years. Dr. Walder was a clinical psychologist and continued to meet with clients until 10 days before his death.

Born on May 31, 1925, in New Bedford, Mass., to Lithuanian immigrants, Leo was the youngest of four children. When he was two years old, his father died. In high school, Leo won an engineering scholarship from the Westinghouse Talent Search. Upon graduating from high school in 1943 he joined the U.S. Army and was selected for the military engineering program at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

After one semester, Leo's unit was deployed to Europe in the 99th Infantry Division where he saw extensive action including in the Battle of the Bulge. Leo's experience in the war changed his path in life. He turned away from engineering and toward psychology as he wanted to help find positive solutions to conflict.

Immediately after the war Leo studied at Biarritz American University in France. He went on to earn a bachelor degree in psychology from Boston University in 1949, a masters in psychology from the University of Hawaii in 1951 and a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University



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Leo Walder

of Iowa in 1954.

Dr. Walder was part of the founding team of researchers for a pioneering study on the learning of aggression in children. The research started in the late 1950s at the Rip Van Winkle Clinic and Foundation in Hudson, N.Y., where they discovered, among other things, a correlation between the watching of violent television shows by children and later aggressive behaviors. Known as the Columbia County Longitudinal Study, it followed more than 800 children living in upstate New York. Now, the third and fourth generations of researchers are following the 4th generation of children, with results that validate the original findings. From that study, he co-authored a number of papers and

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'Tis the Season: Greenbelt Lights Up

by Amy Hansen

The City of Greenbelt kicks off the December festivities with the Tree Lighting in Roosevelt Center on Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. The evening will feature music from the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir, free cookies and hot chocolate (bring your own cup), the tree lighting and the arrival of Santa. After the tree lighting, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will offer a free showing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School has their holiday concert at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

The morning starts at the American Legion Post 136 with the Greenbelt Lions Club pancake breakfast. Santa will be on hand. The breakfast lasts from 8 to 11 a.m.

After getting a good breakfast, head over to the Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair, held at the Community Center. The art fair features original, hand-made wares from local artisans. Entertainment includes the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band playing from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The sale goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Old Greenbelt Theatre is showing It's a Wonderful Life at 1 p.m.

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What Goes On

Friday, December 2

7 p.m., Community Tree Lighting with Santa, Roosevelt Center, followed by How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Old Greenbelt Theatre

Saturday, December 3

10 a.m. to noon, Grand Re-opening of the Forebays at Greenbelt Lake

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

Sunday, December 4

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Farmers Market, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

Monday, December 5

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession, Senior Mobility Study, Followed by Economic Development Study, Municipal Building

Tuesday, December 6

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building
7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

American Education Week November 14 to 18

In celebration of American education, these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Elementary School.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series, Pamela Gregory who liaises with the schools and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Wallace Feels the Warmth At Greenbelt Elementary

by Jill Connor

Greenbelt Elementary School second grade teacher Ashley Wallace said, "I try to be organized, but chaotically organized, that is real life." Wallace has a double bachelor degree in psychology and finance and worked in finance for six years, but was unhappy in that world. Wallace tutored and coached soccer throughout that time and decided to go into teaching after an accelerated degree program. She did her student teaching last year in Howard County in a second grade classroom. Wallace said, "I chose second. I love second. I think it is one of those magical years where reading starts clicking, other things really start clicking and you can really see them grow."

Wallace said she was instantly impressed with Greenbelt be-

cause she felt "warmth. I like hand-written notes." When she came to interview, there was a hand-written thank you note and bottle of water. "They are very open to any ideas you may have. I don't have to fit into a certain mold. I can try things and it is OK to fail. That is what I sense here. Not all schools are open to different learning styles. I feel like this school pushes you to see what works best for your set of students, which I think is very important."

"I think knowing your students is huge and knowing what they can do is huge." She separates her students into small groups by ability levels and has them work independently for math and reading every day. When asked

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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Ashley Wallace

Brittany Moylan Teaches Mad Scientists at GES

by Jill Connor

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) second grade teacher Brittany Moylan has a classroom filled with mad scientists. "I lovingly call my kids the mad scientists. I love those students who just want to explore and see what happens. I love when they are like 'What would happen if . . . ?' For example, we have a plant planted in peanut butter because they asked, 'What would happen if you planted it in peanut butter?' So, I said, 'Let's find out.'"

Moylan has been teaching for six years, five at GES. She describes her teaching style as "Lots of hands-on, open-ended questions." She often uses real life applications in the classroom, such as a story her principal, Monica Gaines, told about how Moylan made menus for students to order food for a math lesson

rather than doing worksheets. Gaines said, "I don't want to put them in a box. As long as they are following the curriculum and teaching the standards. I'm fine." Moylan also emphasizes "learning through doing," such as a recent class project of building an actual fourth house for the Three Little Pigs.

This concept has followed Moylan through to her professional development too. Moylan finished

her master's degree in reading education last year at the University of Maryland and is the reading chair at her school. She is holding sessions to help fellow teachers to better understand the standards. She says, "I went to the training but I really want them to be the ones unpacking

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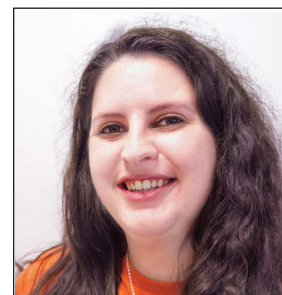


PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Brittany Moylan

Letters to the Editor

Global Warming

For the sake of our planet, each time we burn gasoline we should carefully think about whether or not we have alternatives, and if we do we should choose them. Out of respect for this world and the environment, we should not burn gas when other means are available to us. This, of course, means that most people do care about the world and their neighbors.

I wish I didn't have to drive a car. I personally think that I don't have the right to drive a car anymore. I still do because I live in a country, the United States, that doesn't provide enough decent public transportation. I simply can't add an hour a day to my round trip commute by using the Metro. So, regrettably, I must drive to work in D.C. every day. The day we have electrically powered buses that can take me there, in a reasonable amount of time, I'll scrap my car.

However, there are areas in my life where I have more freedom and I can choose to make a difference.

For example, when it's time to pick up leaves I'll use a rake instead of a gasoline leaf blower out of respect for my neighbors and the environment.

Today, as I write, I have to suffer the inconvenience of being the neighbor of someone who is inconsiderate of my neighbors, the environment and me. This particular person has been blowing leaves for almost four hours. Our court is now filled with a slick of exhaust fumes containing oil. Since there's no wind today it's staying in the air, right there.

Philippe Orlando

About Howard Hughes

I've just seen the movie about Howard Hughes. This film is a masterpiece. It exceeds Titanic in the filmmaking art. The theater should hold this astounding film over for at least a second week. Any moviegoer in and around Greenbelt who does not see this film will miss the greatest film shown at this magnificent theater in more than seven or eight years. This was when I saw the film Diary of a Geisha, also a magnificent film.

James E. Ellis

What A Magical Time

May this season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones. We wish you tons of special gifts this season.

Special thanks to the Greenbelt Pantry staff who join us year after year at the pantry.

To Helen White; Mary Ann Trotter; Linda Delley; Bridget McDermott; Barbara Hamilton; Ann Margues; Melissa Turner; Mary Jo Dorsey; Zn Hang Le; James McAndrew; the Feed the Hungry Program/Task Force, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Capital Heights, Md.; Mrs. Carolyn Karch; Greenbelt Homes Inc.; Dr. Janet Kuhn; Bob Davis, the Co-op manager, innovator of the "Feed The Hungry" donors; Jordan Choper and the Lions Club; all residents of Greenbriar Units complex I, II and III; the Boy Scouts of St. Hugh's and the generous donors to their campaign; not to forget Kath Labukas, Sharon Kohler and our generous members of Greenbelt ... our heartfelt thanks.

Solange Hess, Chair
The Greenbelt Food Pantry

More on Recycling



PHOTO BY TIM UBER

Misuse of city recycling bin.

I am amazed at how selfish and ignorant some people are, jeopardizing all of Greenbelt of a valuable service. I am referring to the dumping of items into the paper and cardboard recycling dumpsters. Someone decided to dump a copious amount of yard waste just last week. Perhaps they were too busy to read the notice that it is for paper goods only. Perhaps they thought that since paper and cardboard are made from trees, they would take limbs and cuttings as well? Or perhaps they were too lazy to bundle them up so that our wonderful city maintenance crews could whisk them away to a proper location. Just Saturday, at a site near the Lake, was a bag of banana and orange peels.

But these scofflaws are also threatening a great recycling resource we have for our community. Abitibi, the recycling company that places the receivers (and, if I am not mistaken, often pays for the waste), is going to eventually decide it is not cost effective for them to pick out and legally dispose of these contaminants, and decide to pull their receivers out of service, depriving the rest of us – who can follow the rules – of this valuable service to Greenbelt.

Tim Uber

City Notes

The GAIL program has concluded another session of Memory Support Group & Café, continuing to grow with nine participants during this rotation. The next series begins January 11, 2017.

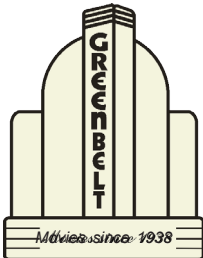
The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be collecting Toys for Tots donations through December 20.

Public Works staff met with the city manager regarding possible upcoming solar projects.

Twenty volunteers cleaned up Indian Creek and collected 420 pounds of litter.

Nutcracker Coming To The Clarice

A free performance of The Nutcracker will take place on Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. in Kay Theatre of The Clarice. Ballet Company M will present a rendition of this classic holiday ballet. Travel with Clara and her nutcracker from her mother's holiday party to a battle of mice and toy soldiers, through a beautiful snowstorm and to the Land of Sweets.



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Dec 2 - Dec 8

RULES DON'T APPLY
(PG-13) (CC) (158 mins)
Fri. & Tues. 2:15 PM
Sat. - Mon., Weds. 8:15 PM

AQUARIUS
(subtitled) (144 mins)
Fri. & Sat. 5:15 PM
Sun. 2:15, 5:15 PM
Mon. & Tues. 5:15 PM
Wed. 2:15, 5:15 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

Free Family Film After the
Tree Lighting:
HOW THE GRINCH STOLE
CHRISTMAS
(26 min) (1966 -
50th Anniversary)
Fri. 8:00 PM – FREE!

Family Series:
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
(135 mins)
Sat. 1:00 PM

Monday Matinee Classics:
WHITE CHRISTMAS
(120 mins)
Mon. 1:00 PM – FREE!

Zero Waste Informational
Meeting
Tues. 8:00 PM – FREE!

Tournees Film Festival:
FRANCOFONIA
(90 mins)
Thurs. 8:00 PM – FREE!

The Old Curmudgeon



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"Oh, Great Wise Man . . . please explain the new Medicare prescription program to me!"

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Drop us a Line!

Electronically, that is.

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Grand Reopening For Lake Forebay

To celebrate the reopening of the forebays at Greenbelt Lake, the city's Public Works Department is hosting an interactive tour of Greenbelt Lake and Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For those who have questions about the construction around the lake, here are the answers. This is an opportunity to see the new and improved forebays at Greenbelt Lake. The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and the Clean Water Partnership have been at work developing a sustainable environment and an eco-friendly habitat for amphibians. A presentation will start at 10 a.m. in the Public Works building, followed by a walking tour around the lake, with free refreshments and fun activities for the kids. This rain or shine event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact thecleanwaterpartnership.com or 301-861-0447.

Community Events

Zero Waste Public Meeting on Dec. 6

The Prince George’s County Department of the Environment is holding a zero waste informational public meeting at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Tuesday, December 6, from 8 to 9 p.m.

The free meeting will feature discussion of the county’s plan and goals for reducing waste, potential strategies for zero waste in the county, and changes and ideas attendees would like to see concerning garbage, recycling and compost services.

The theater will open at 7:30 p.m. The concession stand will be open so attendees can purchase popcorn and the other treats before the meeting begins.

GIVES Plans Quarterly Meeting, Celebration

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will have its quarterly meeting and holiday celebration on Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. As part of the celebration, members and non-members are asked to participate in the annual collection of toys for local children sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Community Center. Bring a new toy to help make the holiday special for a local child.

The short meeting will also address activities of the past quarter and what is ahead in the new year.

People are invited to bring food or drink to share. For further information, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Mishkan Torah Hosts “Evicted” Discussion

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah invites all to a discussion of Matthew Desmond’s book, *Evicted*, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 4 at Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

Evicted is listed as one of the top non-fiction books of 2016 by the Washington Post. Desmond, an anthropologist and MacArthur Fellow, tells the stories and struggles of eight families living in poverty who face eviction.

Mark Shroder, Ph.D., member of Mishkan Torah and expert on low-income housing policy, will lead the discussion, which will touch on the causes of poverty, the impact of substandard housing conditions on health issues, the long-term outlooks for children who lack stable housing and the mutually dependent relationship between tenants and landlords.

For more information, email SocialAction@mishkantorah.org. The event is free and open to the entire community.

Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, December 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 112. Everyone is welcome to discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic troubleshooting advice is available for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone.



Lions Club to Host Breakfast with Santa

Greenbelt Lions Club, in conjunction with American Legion Post 136, will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive. Children 12 years or younger will be admitted free with paying adult; all other persons pay a small fee. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, eggs and beverages.

Donations to the American Legion Toys for Tots and the Greenbelt Lions Club Warm Clothes for Children in Need will be accepted. For more information call 301-474-8964.

Angel’s Touch Offers Sip and Shop at Center

Angel’s Touch Skincare and Wellness Center (located in Roosevelt Center) is hosting a Holiday Sip and Shop event on Sunday, December 4 from noon to 4 p.m. This is a family-friendly event supporting local women in business. Families with children are welcome to gather together and enjoy holiday gift shopping and spa pampering over a glass of sparkling cider.

Pearl Harbor Day Forum at the Legion

The American Legion Post 136 annual Fall National Security Forum will be held on Pearl Harbor Day, Wednesday, December 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. This year’s program will focus on the Korean War.

The keynote speaker will be author James N. Butcher, who wrote *Korea: Traces of a Forgotten War*. The book describes the combat experiences of infantrymen with Fox Company of the 17th Infantry Regiment during the final year of the Korean War (1952-1953) as they experienced trench warfare, enemy attacks and American assaults on enemy positions while enduring the severe weather conditions of the mountainous Korean terrain.

The author was born in 1933 at Bergoo, W.Va. He enlisted in the U. S. Army and served for three years with 11 months of the service in Korea with Fox Company of the 17th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division.

The event will be held in the Post Sam Hofberg Hall at 6900 Greenbelt Road. There is a fee. Contact the Legion at 301-345-0136 or greenbeltmdpost136.org for more information.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

This holiday season choose to reuse. Don’t forget to BYOR – Bring Your Own Reusable cup or mug for hot cocoa and reusable plate or napkin for cookies at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2 at 7 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Replacing single-use paper or plastic cups with a reusable cup or mug can have a huge impact on the planet. Try keeping a reusable cup or mug in your bag, at the office or in your car so you always have one around. Be on the lookout for the Tree Lighting Ceremony second annual compostables collection thanks to volunteers from the Green Team’s Zero-Waste Circle. Those interested in serving as a zero-waste volunteer, contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov.

Arts Advisory Board Meets December 6

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The main agenda item for this meeting is the election of a member representative to the Grant Review Panel that will evaluate applications for the Fiscal Year 2018 project and operating grants from community organizations. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

GCAN Shows New Climate Change Film

Greenbelt Climate Action Network will host a showing of *Before the Flood*, a documentary by Leonardo DiCaprio, on Wednesday, December 7 in the Community Center, Room 114. The meeting will last from 7 to 9:15 p.m.; the extended meeting time is intended to ensure ample time for discussion.

DiCaprio’s film shows viewers how climate change affects the environment and what society can do to prevent the demise of endangered species, ecosystems and native communities across the planet. See the trailer at channel.nationalgeographic.com/before-the-flood/

As part of “going to the movies” together, feel free to bring popcorn or a snack to share. For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

Community Church Christmas Concert

A concert of traditional and popular Christmas music will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. The church’s many talented musicians, vocalists and friends will present an entertaining mix of instrumental music and classic Christmas music followed by an opportunity for the audience to sing along with familiar Christmas carols.

Holiday cookies, individually or by the dozen, will be available for purchase at intermission. A free-will offering will be accepted and will support the local, national and international charities of the church.

The church is located at the intersection of Crescent and Hillside Roads.

Less Is More Support Group

This could be a festive or valuable way to celebrate the holidays and the changing of the year. Maybe a friend or family member in Greenbelt has excessive collections that have become a fire or fall hazard? Or just tired of dealing with excessive papers, collections, valuables or other items that prevent enjoyment of home this holiday season? Do things prevent friends from visiting? Come to a confidential group to support people who need to unclutter. Family members are welcome. The first meeting is on Wednesday, December 7 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Community Center. To register call Tom Patota at 301-345-6660. This support group has been made possible by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

PARCC Webinar December 8

Prince George’s County Public Schools will conduct an online webinar on Understanding Your Child’s Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Report on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parents with children enrolled in grades 3 to 12 who took a PARCC assessment last school year will learn how to read their students’ results.

For more information, call 301-702-3860. To register online, go to surveytracker.net/scripts/survey.dll?AHID=08A00F.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sun., Dec. 4th, Wed., Dec. 7th & Fri., Dec. 9th
Beginning at 8 PM

“Wheelchair Diaries (2013),” “Finding Manjurshri (2013),” “Black Rock Creek (2014)” and “Connected by Coffee (2014)”

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December 2, 3, 9, 16, 17 at 8PM
December 4, 10, 11, 18 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission,
\$22 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

Auditions - The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee - December 5 - 6
The Chromatics - December 10 - MUSICAL CONCERT
A Visit from Scarface - Jan 20 - Feb 11, 2017 - Directed by Keith Brown

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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In Memoriam

Leo Walder

by Carol Leventhal

A very long time ago, I met Leo and Marcie Walder in Iowa City, Iowa. Leo and my husband Allan were doctoral students in the Department of Psychology at the University of Iowa and I was an undergraduate. Faculty in the department were demanding and students were under considerable pressure. Leo took it in stride and provided relief, with his intelligent perspective and warm sense of humor. Even then, he was a calming presence with the other students.

With time, Allan and I, together with our small children, settled in Maryland. Leo and Marcie soon followed and we reunited in the Department of Psychology at the University of Maryland.

Leo and his colleague Don Pumroy developed a parent training program using behavior principles. Together with colleagues and graduate students, Leo ran parent groups at Crownsville State Hospital sometime during the late 1960s. In addition, Leo and other psychologists ran a longitudinal study of the impact of television on aggression among elementary-aged schoolchildren.

Leo brought the parent training concept to Greenbelt and with support from the administration, wrote and won a grant for funding from the Juvenile Services Agency. Together with funding from the city, Greenbelt CARES was founded. A Greenbelt community oversight board was created that included Leonie Penny, Jim Cassells and Bruce Bowman.

When I graduated from the University of Maryland School of Social Work in 1973, I was invited to join Greenbelt CARES as a part-time social worker. Leo was the clinical director and Bob Fields, a minister in Greenbelt, handled administrative duties. After several years, Bob left CARES and I was asked to be-

come the full-time director.

Leo continued his affiliation with CARES for a number of years, serving as a weekly consultant to the Wednesday night family counseling program. Families sat with their counselors at tables in the City Council chambers – a very public clinical setting, so different from the usual insistence for privacy, and so representative of openness and trust Leo sought to promote. Two counselors worked with each family and Leo, in his role as consultant, would visit the various tables from time to time, commenting, explaining, helping each family member to feel capable and effective. Leo offered his own inimitable warmth, applying principles of behavior in a fresh, helpful way, sometimes using humor as an antidote to tension and conflict.

This was a profoundly intelligent man who cared deeply for others. He was wise and extraordinarily helpful to families working on solving their problems. He could take a complex situation and parse it so that everyone involved better understood how to find the means to improve and better their lives. Leo was a gifted human being and an exceptional therapist.

I will miss Leo.

Carol Leventhal is the former director of Greenbelt CARES Youth & Family Services Bureau.



Remembering Leo Walder

Some years ago I had the good fortune to know Leo Walder. He helped me get through a particularly difficult time in my life. He always greeted me with a warm and friendly smile, and listened carefully to my thoughts and feelings without being judgmental. Something he said that has stuck with me these many years is “Honor your preferences.” I will always remember his words and his gentle manner.

Sandra Lange



Condolences to the family and friends of Ronald F. Don Bullian of College Park, who died October 23, 2016. He grew up in Greenbelt, the son of the late Greenbelt pioneers Eli and Mildred Don Bullian. Funeral services were held on October 29.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Vernon T. (“Ted”) Fox, Jr., 87, who died in Florida on November 12, 2016. He was an outstanding athlete at Greenbelt High School, graduating in 1946. He went on to a career in physical education, teaching at schools in Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, where he retired from Springbrook High School in 1988.

Congratulations to Diane Tuckman, mother of News Review Circulation Manager Ian Tuckman, who was recognized in a blog dcartnews.blogspot.com/2016/11/artomatic-2016-review.html as the best fiber artist at Artomatic.

Please share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net, or call 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

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how she manages three to five small groups her first response is, “I am a magician.” Her charts show rotations of activities for each group including listening to audio recordings of books, time with her, tracing letters and math games. “When you train the kids, you can actually get things accomplished. It just works because I need that small group time.”

Wallace has also created a banana ticket system for rewards for positive behavior. Students can purchase items every two weeks from a store. Some are small items; some are experiences, such as eating lunch with a friend in the classroom, throwing a pie in Wallace’s face or a special class reward picked by the class. The students made class rules the second day of school and they keep it positive, so it isn’t “No running,” it is “Walk in the hallways.” If a student complains about a rule, Wallace says, “Tell me if you don’t like the rule and I can change it.”

Principal Monica Gaines appreciates Wallace’s organization and control of her classroom. “You would never know she is a first-year teacher.” Gaines praised her excellent classroom management, her system to praise positive behaviors and her ability to work with the differentiation of instruction for her students or the variety of ability levels of instruction. “You can just look at her and know she is going to be a great teacher,” said Gaines.

Wallace feels it is important to teach life skills, such as being kind and not to bully. “We have class meetings, planned and unplanned. There was an unplanned class meeting yesterday because someone had drawn with a pen on a math game.” The pen was from Wallace’s desk and the game was a game Wallace had made. “I think it is important to

talk about feelings. I am upset and why. They were looking at me like, ‘Oh my gosh, who did this to Ms. Wallace?’ We also talked about, ‘Have you ever had something someone else wrote on or ruined? How did you feel?’ This isn’t just mine. This is yours. You ruined your own game. Now you can’t play the game.” She emphasizes that the students make those connections between their actions and the consequences.

Wallace said, “There are more moments coming,” but a great moment for her involved a second grade boy she taught last year, who was her toughest behavior student. He would jump off rocking chairs, just to test her. On her last day, he refused to say he was going to miss her after she playfully said how much she would miss him over and over. Then when all the teachers went out to wave goodbye to the students on the buses, “He literally ran off his bus without being allowed to, pushed the doors open, gave me a hug, had tears in his eyes, then back on his bus. And that’s when I think those bigger moments might be coming. That’s what I hope for in the future.

“I know I found what I am supposed to do. I used to go home from finance and cry sad tears. I am emotional now, and it is for happy reasons. I know now I will always be in education in some fashion, whether it will be as a classroom teacher or administration. I think it has been in my blood since I was little and now it is just being actualized.”





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books, including The Learning of Aggression in Children and Growing up to be Violent. Dr. Walder’s research team testified before Congress regarding the correlation between TV violence and aggression in children.

Dr. Walder moved his family to Greenbelt in 1962 to join the Psychology Department faculty at the University of Maryland. There, besides teaching, he worked on developing new clinical behavioral techniques, which led to his development of the Parent Project. This project used behavioral methods which he and his graduate students taught parents of autistic children to better help with their children’s functioning and development.

In 1970 to 1971 Dr. Walder further developed his ideas and training of graduate students in a parent counseling program which he created at Crownsville State Hospital.

In 1971 Dr. Walder and two colleagues formed Behavior Service Consultants (BSC), a small organization for research, development and clinical services. BSC continues today after 45 years.

In 1972, Dr. Walder founded Greenbelt CARES, a nonprofit, community low-cost family-counseling program that flourished and became a department of the City of Greenbelt.

Among his many other roles during his seven-decade career, he was also on the faculty at American University in D.C. and the University of Iowa. For two summers he conducted psychological evaluations of Peace Corps candidates.

Dr. Walder had a major impact on his profession and those around him.

His work on the groundbreaking aggression study helped influence policy discussions and parenting decisions. He also provided high quality innovative clinical behavioral therapy training for a generation of clinicians. Through his research and clinical work, he developed and employed innovative scientifically based behavior therapy techniques to help clients. He modeled in his own behavior what he taught.

Dr. Walder earned many awards and citations including the award for Outstanding Contributions to Psychology, 1977-78, by the Maryland Psychological Association. In 1979 he was appointed by the governor of Maryland to a three-year term on the state Board of Examiners for Psychologists. He was a member of American Psychological Association, Association for Behavior Analysis, Sigma Xi, American Civil Liberties Union, as well as member and past president of Maryland Psychological Association. Dr. Walder was a member of the Boy Scouts of America as a youth, which he credits with teaching him the skills that helped him survive the war.

Dr. Walder loved jokes, laughter, gatherings of people, listening, discussing ideas of all sorts from science to music. He believed in honest discourse about ideas and solutions. He loved epistemology.

Dr. Walder connected with people, believed in people, believed the good in people and the possibilities. He was a good dancer and had musical ears.

His broad interests – politics, history, grammar, science, music, and learning – made their way into dinner conversations. Meals were punctuated by consulting

one of the dictionaries, encyclopedias or other reference books near at hand (and in later years, Google).

Grammar, spoken and written, was important to him – his family and closest friends were beneficiaries.

Dr. Walder loved Greenbelt and believed in the benefits of a cooperative community. He was a member of the Greenbelt Citizens for Fair Housing.

Dr. Walder is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marcella “Marcie” Gordon Walder, a clinical social worker who frequently partnered professionally with her husband. They met at Boston University in 1948.

He is also survived by their four children, Melinda Gail Walder Schenk (Joel) of Rockville; David Gordon Walder (Pam Hoge) of Durham, N.C.; and Judith Bernice Walder and Amy Ilene Walder, both of Greenbelt.

Dr. Walder is also survived by his six grandchildren, Talya Beth Schenk, Eliana Julia Schenk, Sophia Rose Walder, Zoey Iris Walder, Benjamin Walder Sela and Isabel Gordon Walder; his sister-in-law, Nonie Walder, of North Dartmouth; and 26 nieces and nephews from three generations.

He was predeceased by his parents, Meyer and Jennie (Windsberg) Walder, a sister Bernice Walder Arenberg, and two brothers, Alexander James Walder and Richard Walder.

Graveside services were held November 14 at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park in Clarksburg, Md. A memorial is being planned for 2017.

Contributions in his memory may be made to SHARE Foundation Inc. at unmassd.edu/outreach/share or to the ACLU at aclu.org.

Santa’s Helicopter Arriving At College Park Airport

Santa Claus will be arriving at the historic College Park Airport on Saturday, December 3 at approximately 12:30 p.m. in his special helicopter “sleigh” thanks to the Prince George’s County Police Aviation Unit.

After arriving just outside the College Park Aviation Museum, Santa will stroll into the museum Main Gallery where visitors may have their picture taken with him. Holiday arts and crafts will be available for adults and children at the museum from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors who want to get a good viewing location inside the museum to see Santa fly in are encouraged to arrive well before the anticipated arrival time. Parking is available at the airport lots. There is a fee.

The museum shop is open for holiday shopping from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the museum at 301-864-6029 or email: aviationmuseum@pgparks.com with questions.



Santa walks away from his helicopter sleigh at the College Park Airport.



Santa greeted his guests last year at the College Park Aviation Museum.

Photos by Michael G. Stewart

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it and doing the work, because I feel like it is more meaningful if they are the ones doing the work. It is kind of the same way I do it in the classroom – a little hands-off. I let them explore and figure it out. I have a lot of knowledge to share, but I also have a lot to learn.”

She is also the chair of the second grade team, the Talented and Gifted committee, holds Topic Tuesday work sessions for coworkers’ professional development and is the teacher liaison for the student club Destination Imagination.

Moylan also talked about what can be a challenge, but very meaningful for her as a teacher. She told a story about a little girl she taught who “had a really fixed mindset at the beginning of the year. She wouldn’t try anything. She thought she was a really poor reader, was terrible

at spelling and math and would get very frustrated.” Moylan kept working with her about being open to risks and supporting her. “By the end of the year she was taking more risks, sounding things out and spelling them herself and happier about her work. The only way we are going to learn and grow is by making mistakes.”

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Michael Jawer: Greenbelt’s Man About Roosevelt Center

by Elizabeth Barber

You have seen him all over town.

He will be removing everything that blows across the Roosevelt Center – leaves, litter, snow, ice and trash. Then he might be over by the Museum cutting the lawn, mulching the gardens or pulling up weeds.

Daily you will find him at the underpasses – again picking up litter, blowing leaves and checking the drains, since if one is clogged and there is a rainstorm, there could be a dangerous flood.

I saw him on Crescent Road, walking along with an electric blower, clearing the street of the newly fallen leaves. I had to run to catch up with him. He didn’t hear me shouting his name, so I ran faster. He saw me, turned off the loud machine, and out of breath, I asked him for an interview.

We sat down a week later at the New Deal Café.

His name is Michael Jawer. He has been here in Old Greenbelt since 2001 and started working for Public Works in 2003.

Jawer’s mother was born in Germany and lived in Berlin. She remembers when the city was bombed in World War II. Mrs. Jawer was carried by her mother to bomb shelters during the horrific air raids. She lost all of her possessions during that war.

Much later, she met Jawer’s father, Bruce Kuhl, who was an American GI stationed at the Army barracks in Berlin. He applied for a job at the Army base and was hired to work in its co-op.

Michael was born in Berlin. His parents came to the U.S. Originally, Jawer came to the U.S. to visit his family. But he liked Greenbelt and stayed on, applied for citizenship and became naturalized.

Jawer’s father lives in GHI. He took a job with NASA 25 years ago developing satellites in the early days and putting them into space.

About a week ago, I saw Jawer over by the Museum, at the children’s playground. He was raking leaves by hand and told me that he had to be very careful to separate the sticks from the leaves. He works very diligently at this task, “Because,” he said solemnly, “Public Works will be coming with the leaf vacuum and if a stick is left in the pile, it can seriously damage the machine. I will get blamed if only one stick is left in the pile, since that one stick might upset the whole operation. That stick, if it gets stuck in the leaf-blower’s hose, could cause the machine to be jammed. Then it has to be hauled to the baseball field to be emptied. You



Michael Jawer

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH BARBER

can’t just empty the vacuum in the middle of Crescent Road. It only took me one time to understand how important it is not to leave a single stick in these piles of leaves.”

Jawer’s first assignment was when Hurricane Isabel came through Greenbelt. He recalled that many trees were split, broken or so completely damaged that they had to be replaced.

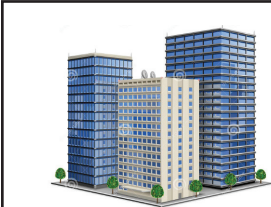
“Some of the trees fell on power lines and the city had no electricity for over a week. And at the Co-op everything had to be dumped; all of the frozen or chilled food had to go and the workers had no lights. It was a terrible time,” he said.

His job includes removing everything that gets blown into the Roosevelt Center. Over near the Museum, he is in charge of keeping the place free from all litter. He goes over to the Recreation Department and rakes up the leaves, removes weeds, trims the area around the skate park and mows the grass around city hall. Everything growing around the Recreation Department, City Hall and Co-op parking lot are under his watchful eye.

On his days off, he takes his mother around on all her errands, since she does not drive.

I asked Jawer if he had any hobbies. “Living is my hobby,” he said. “I am always researching on the computer, and there are thousands of things I want to know. I like searching for my family tree ancestry online, and I Skype with my family and enjoy working on Facebook.”

In 2011 Jawer was awarded the Employee of the Year award presented at the Public Safety Awards dinner at the Greenbelt American Legion. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best you can give.” Jawer confronts his tasks and assignments here in Greenbelt as if he echoed our founder’s words. It was our good fortune when he decided to stay in this little city.



Greenbelt's Business



Local Business Owner, Flora Gee, Named to NSBA Leadership Council

Flora Gee of Greenbelt Children’s Center was recently named to the National Small Business Association (NSBA) Leadership Council. NSBA is the nation’s oldest small-business advocacy organization and operates on a staunchly nonpartisan basis. Gee, a recognized leader in the small-business community, joins the NSBA Leadership Council alongside other small-business advocates from across the country as they work to promote the interests of small business to policymakers in Washington, D.C.

“As a small-business owner, I see daily the importance of being involved and active when it comes to laws and regulation,”

stated Gee. “Joining NSBA’s Leadership Council will enable me to take our collective small-business message to the people that need to hear it most: Congress.”

Gee has operated an early childhood care and education program since 1990, becoming nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in 1999. The Greenbelt Children’s Center has earned the designation of five checks in the Maryland EXCELS Quality Rating and Improvement Program, the highest level of quality.

Gee joined the NSBA Leadership Council as part of her efforts

to tackle the many critical issues facing small business, including tax reform, regulatory restraint and health care costs. The NSBA Leadership Council is focused on providing valuable networking between small-business advocates from across the country while ensuring small business a seat at the table as Congress and regulators take up key small-business proposals.

“I am proud to have Flora Gee as part of our Leadership Council,” stated NSBA President and CEO Todd McCracken. “She came to us highly recommended and I look forward to our coordinated efforts for years to come.”

New Deal News

The New Deal Café is open during the transition period, but with limited hours. It will open Tuesday to Thursday at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 4 p.m. all of December. This week it will offer pizza slices Thursday and Friday and on Saturday it will offer a hot meal. Starting the second week of December the Café will go to a limited menu with soups, salads and sandwiches. At the beginning of the first week of January the Café’s full menu will be offered and it will open for lunch. Beer and wine continues to be available.

The entertainment schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 1, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 2, John Guernsey plays American standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Roustabouts play the blues intertwined with upbeat funk, R&B and rock music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Bad Influence Boys perform blues and roots music infused with fresh energy as well as originals with strong melodies and addictive grooves from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Visit newdealcafe.com for more information and updates.



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Sunday, December 4

The Art and Craft Fair continues in the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the sale, the day features a craft workshop run by Amanda Larson from 1 to 3 p.m. There will also be art studio open houses from 1 to 4 p.m. and a klezmer concert from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Farmers Market will hold its outdoor holiday market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building.

Angel’s Touch Skincare and Wellness Center is hosting a Holiday Sip and Shop event from noon to 4 p.m.

Greenbelt East Tree Lighting is set for 6 p.m. on Sunday. The tree is located in the Greenbriar Community Building.

Monday, December 5

Old Greenbelt Theatre offers a

free showing of White Christmas at 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

Santa visits the Greenbelt Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon. All children get a free picture with Santa.

The Elves Workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. will be held at the Youth Center. Children are invited to make holiday crafts. Preregistration is required.

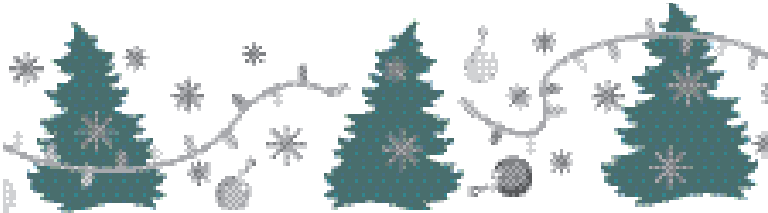
Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ holds a concert at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads.

Saturday, December 17

Greenbelt Dance Studio presents The Snow Queen, a dance program of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. The program is set to run from 3 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

The Greenbelt Concert Band presents their Holiday Lights Concert at 4 p.m.



FALL GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Gilbert Construction & DCG Gutter Cleaning are the contractors performing GHI’s fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning December 5th, work will be in this approximate area (weather permitting):

Ridge Courts 49-54
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During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve your privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 or email pjoseph@ghi.coop if you have any questions or comments.

Variety of Events on Schedule at Greenbelt Park

Saturday, December 3: Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant Team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Ranger Station at 11 a.m. Event lasts until 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 3: Park Ranger Talk and Display, Cam-

ouflage: A military adaptation from nature. Animal camouflage to hide in plain sight and protect species from predators is used by the military to offer soldiers concealment from enemy observation. Examples of natural and artificial camouflage with photographs and models. 1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 10: Campfire Talk, An ‘Aeroplane’ Flew Over It. The establishment of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Aviation School at the College Park Air-

port took place in 1911. Early training of army pilots. Kite-like, Wright Military Flyer airplanes flew over the forest that became Greenbelt Park. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Campfire Circle.

Sunday December 11: Every Kid in a Park. Fourth graders, come and learn how to get a free pass to national parks. Enjoy the Guess Your National Parks game. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 5 p.m.

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as follows:

Officers are required to conduct an inspection for proper functioning of the camera prior to their shift.

Officers may only use the camera when in uniform or prominently displaying the officer’s badge in the case of a detective.

Absent exigent circumstances, officers must activate the camera during all law enforcement-related encounters and must notify the individual he or she is being recorded as soon as practicable.

Once the camera is activated, the recording will continue until the conclusion of the event or authorization from a supervisor. Officers may cease recording at the request of a victim or witness who does not wish to be recorded while giving a statement.

All recordings must be downloaded by the officer at the end of his or her shift unless an exception is authorized by a supervisor.

Officers are prohibited from utilizing personal cameras or from surreptitiously recording conversations of citizens and employees. They are also prohibited from recording strip searches and recording in private places (restrooms, locker rooms, etc.)

Employees are prohibited from accessing the videos for personal reasons and are prohibited from attempting to copy, alter or delete recordings.

Administrative compliance reviews are conducted to ensure officers are complying with the policy.

Violations of this policy are subject to the disciplinary procedures as listed in the department’s general orders.

Results

The pilot program began in mid-April and lasted one month, using four Taser Axon Body 2 cameras and the Evidence.com system for evidence storage and maintenance. The cameras were used to capture video and audio evidence on 21 days, a total of 260 videos and 46.21 hours. The cameras worked successfully in various weather conditions and videos were successfully uploaded via the docking station without issue. Operation of the cameras and the use of Evidence.com were found to be very user-friendly, requiring just basic user training.

Although the majority of the video captured was non-evidentiary, the cameras proved very useful during several high-profile

incidents. For example, on April 18 there was a serious incident in Franklin Park where the suspect fired on police officers multiple times. Three responding officers all had body cameras and compelling video evidence was turned over to the State’s Attorney’s office. Excerpts of the video were shown to council. Upon its conclusion, White observed that “if a picture is worth a thousand words, a video is worth about a million words.”

In other incidents, two officers were equipped with the body cameras on the initial response to a homicide scene; numerous DUI arrests were captured with the body cameras; two officers were equipped with body cameras during a traffic stop where a firearm was located and two subjects were arrested; and several K-9 deployments were captured on body camera video. The cameras were also used on two Emergency Response Unit search warrant operations, which captured the incidents for use as evidence. The video and audio evidence in all of the cases were of invaluable assistance to the investigations.

The department was particularly impressed with the Taser body camera and storage platform used during the pilot program. As noted, the department reported that the cameras functioned as advertised without a hitch. Moreover, according to White, the Taser program has an effective method of storing video evidence. The storage of video is the single highest cost of the program. Under Maryland law, complaints against officers can be filed up to one year after the event. Accordingly, the retention period of all body camera video is at least 366 days. The Taser program offers an unlimited storage option which, according to the department, is not available through any other vendor. This feature is more economical for the amount of storage needed and protects the department financially from any unforeseen changes in policy or law. Worley confirmed that the city cannot provide the storage space required.

Finally, the Taser system is easy to use when responding to citizen requests for access to the videos. As with all police records, body camera video is subject to public requests for release under the Maryland Public Information Act (PIA). According to the department, the Taser platform easily allows sharing of video evidence in several different ways and also permits redactions where required by law or policy. During the pilot program, several PIA requests were made related to a police incident. According to the department, they were able to quickly comply with requests and release the video in a timely manner, in accordance with Kemp’s stated goal to be “as transparent as possible.”

Future

The department proposed to council the purchase of the Taser Officer Safety Plan for a total of 48 officers who have patrol functions. This would include a five-year contract for all equipment, storage, maintenance and licensing. The total cost for the program is \$312,188.70, which includes the Taser X26p for 48 officers to replace the current tasers (many of which need to be replaced) and a discount for bundling the camera and taser

weapon contracts. If only the body cameras are included, there would be a reduction of \$24,606, but it would cost approximately twice that to purchase the tasers separately. The department has been using the tasers well over 10 years and, it asserts, “has had great success in preventing unnecessary injury to officers and citizens.” If approved by council by the end of the year, the department hopes to have the camera system fully operational by early to mid-spring 2017.

Input

White noted during his presentation that the proposed system, if approved by council, included upgrades. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked for clarification. White stated that the equipment provided will be upgraded at 2 ½ years and then at 5 years. Councilmember Edward Putens expressed concern about companies that provide tech services disappearing. White said that Taser has been in the body camera business for more than eight years and that the company has been an established player in law enforcement circles since the 1980s.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked if the FBI comes to Greenbelt, and there is a need to increase the police force, how that would affect camera usage. White replied that Taser can add cameras and licensing for additional officers on a prorated basis. Councilmember Silke Pope asked for clarification on maintenance issues. White responded that maintenance is part of the contract that is being proposed and that Taser will either repair or replace a defective device.

Councilmember Konrad Herling expressed concern about the tasers being misused. White replied that, while there are no guarantees against misuse, the department has excellent training programs and a requirement for annual recertification. He noted that over the last 10 years there have only been 103 taser usages, including 16 where it was just deployed and not fired, and that in each instance a volatile situation had been “brought to a safe resolution.” Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked how much discretion an officer has on whether to turn on the camera. White replied that the department wants it to become routine to activate cameras at the beginning of every call for law-enforcement service and that it is the ultimate goal to eliminate discretion to the extent possible.

Several councilmembers expressed concern about the possible alteration or deletion of videos. White stated that the system has substantial safeguards against alteration or deletion and that, when these safeguards were tested during the pilot program, efforts to make changes were unsuccessful. A related question by Herling, whether outside parties can alter or delete portions of videos after access is obtained, was answered by Worley and Pracht. Worley noted that they can try, but there is a so-

phisticated logging system built into Evidence.com and that “a complete evidentiary chain” can be established, including “who touched the video from start to finish” to confirm the credibility of the department’s submission. Pracht stated that Taser experts will back up the department and that this will boost the State’s Attorney’s argument.

Councilmembers Davis and Leta Mach asked that spreadsheets or matrixes be given to council so they can easily compare the proposed costs and benefits for each vendor soliciting this business. Mach also noted that time may be of the essence because various Taser discounts are listed as only being available until the end of the year. McLaughlin noted that since this is a negotiated purchase, it may not be possible to reach a final decision by late December. He pointed out, however, that it may be possible to negotiate an extension of the discount period. White agreed to talk to Taser representatives about this issue.

Members of the public who attended the worksession also expressed concerns about the program. They urged council to use due diligence to assure that funds are spent wisely; asked about disciplinary steps that could be taken if officers do not abide by the body camera policies; urged the department to continue to emphasize that the cameras should be turned on at the very beginning of the law enforcement activity; and requested that costs for members of the public seeking to obtain copies of videos be kept under control.

After the meeting was concluded, White told this reporter that the downside to usage of body cameras is the vast storage space required, both for routine video and video that needs to be kept indefinitely due to ongoing legal proceedings, and the staff hours needed to prepare and redact videos to be released to the public. He also noted that body cameras are not “a total solution to the problem;” there could be exigent circumstances where cameras are not turned on at all or situations where the cameras are turned in the wrong direction. He concluded, however, that “it is better to have them than not.”

Stan Zirkin is a reporter for the News Review and a member of the city Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

November 21, 12:44 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man walking down the street was approached by another man who asked for the time, then displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. He took the man’s cell phone, wallet and other items and fled on foot. He is described as black, 25 to 30 years old, 6’ to 6’2” tall, 170 to 180 pounds with a light complexion, short black hair, goatee and mustache, wearing a green hooded Celtics sweatshirt, black jeans and black and white Adidas sneakers.

Drugs

November 11, 3:35 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. A 33-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of phenylcyclidine by an officer responding to a report of a suspicious person at the Greenbelt Marriott. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

November 18, 10 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. An unattended laptop computer was taken from a luggage cart at the Holiday Inn.

November 21, 9 a.m., 7400 block Frankfort Drive. A chainsaw was taken after a storage shed at the Windsor Green Community Center was broken into.

November 21, 6:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from Beltway Super Cleaners.

Disorderly Conduct

November 18, 11:33 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 29-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and trespass after he refused to leave TGI Friday’s at the request of management. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

November 29, 11:55 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A fire extinguisher was discharged in the hallway of an apartment building.

Vehicle Crime

A 1997 Ford F150 pickup truck reported stolen November 15 from the 9200 block Edmonston Road was recovered November 21 by D.C. Metropolitan police near 51st Street and Ayers Avenue, S.E., in Washington.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 6200 block Springhill Court (four tires and rims), 9300 block Edmonston Road (two tags, Md. 4CE1786) and Crescent Road near Parkway (ring, watch and work tools) after the front passenger window was broken out. In 53 Court Ridge Road a vehicle was rummaged through after the front passenger window was broken out but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism was reported in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway, where a rear window was broken and the gas cap cover was broken.

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Monday, December 5: Chicken with Alfredo sauce, broccoli, buttered pasta, Texas toast, sliced pears, apple juice.

Tuesday, December 6: Pork roast with gravy, mashed spiced yams, California vegetables, wheat roll, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, December 7: California vegetable soup with crackers, hot roast beef sandwich, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, December 8: Baked swai with Old Bay cream sauce, black eyed peas, glazed baby carrots, cornbread, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Friday, December 9: Beef spaghetti sauce with whole grain spaghetti, green beans, breadstick, sliced pears, cranberry juice.



Snippets from the Past

For those who fondly imagine that Greenbelters of earlier times lived a crime-free utopian existence, the Police Blotters tell a different story. This blotter comes from December 2, 1948.

Air was let out of the tires of two automobiles parked behind the variety store while the occupants attended the movie last Friday night. The cars belong to M. Evans, 16-P Ridge, and Jo L. Pieri, 8-B Crescent, who made the complaints. Four windows were broken in the auto belonging to W. Kieffer, 62-D Ridge, according to another complaint. Mrs. G. Sites informed the police that a window in her home was

broken by a shot from an air rifle last Tuesday evening. Two other bulletins were received concerning shooting of guns. A flashlight was stolen from a display in the variety store. The police department was called to investigate a noisy swinging door in the basement of one apartment. Another complaint was received when a trunk stored in the basement was found with the lock broken and the contents disturbed. Two residents raised a stink because of dead skunks, and one about a dead cat. The Greenbelt Rescue Squad was called to aid a young man injured playing basketball in the Center School last Monday night.

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Moore, who graduated in 1968 with a degree in government and politics, is serving his fifth year as commander of Post 136 and was appointed in 2015 by Governor Larry Hogan to serve as a commissioner on the Maryland Veterans Commission.

Moore said he has a strong sense of connection and appreciation for the university's veterans who have served America and want to prepare for the future through continued education. Moore is a third generation Army veteran, having served as second lieutenant. His military experience and leadership through the American Legion and the Maryland Veterans Commission have emphasized the value of veterans to their communities and to industry. "I could not be prouder to

pus. The community supports a seamless transition from military life to civilian college life and provides support for continued growth in mind, body and spirit, carrying the pride and confidence established in the military into the college experience as well as future careers for veteran alumni.

Moore, who during his 35-year career with the Environmental Protection Agency served a time as human resources director, told the gathering of vets and families that their academic experience at the school would provide them knowledge and skills that would prepare them well for the next phase of their lives. "You are well educated and highly motivated veterans," he said. "Continue your focus and dedication on the academic goals you are



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Mike Moore, Commander of American Legion Post 136, receives the University of Maryland 2016 Distinguished Terrapin Alumni Veteran award from TerpVets President Devin Carroll, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Linda Clement and TerpVets staff intern Jason Musick.



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Mike Moore joined more than a hundred veterans during a halftime salute to veterans at the University of Maryland game against Ohio State.

be associated with the great work the university is doing on behalf of veterans," he said. "It is the school of choice for 1,000 veterans and the TerpVets program helps them develop a sense of community and mutual support."

In its program brochure, the University of Maryland recognizes the extraordinary contributions of members of the armed services and understands the unique challenges of transitioning into a university environment. Through Veteran Student Life, the university offers a hub for resources that can serve veterans who are students, staff or faculty on cam-

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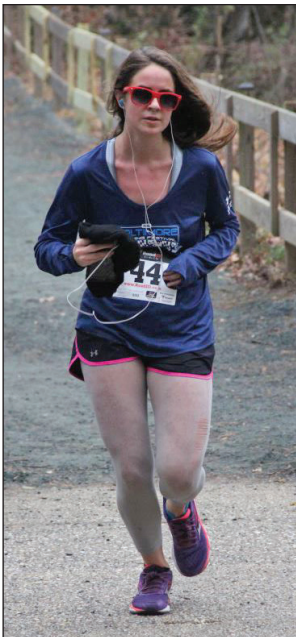


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Angela Gentile won second place.



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A turkey (Clark Reese) leads off the Gobble Wobble run.



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Gobble Wobble Winners are: from left, Nick Serra, 3rd; Bernard Kelly, 1st; David Morris, 2nd; Turkey (Clark Reese); Elizabeth Fairey, 1st; Angela Gentile, 2nd (pictured above); and Polly O'Rourke, 3rd.

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